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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 July 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

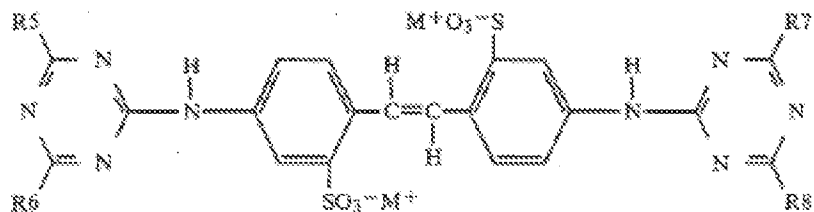
(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

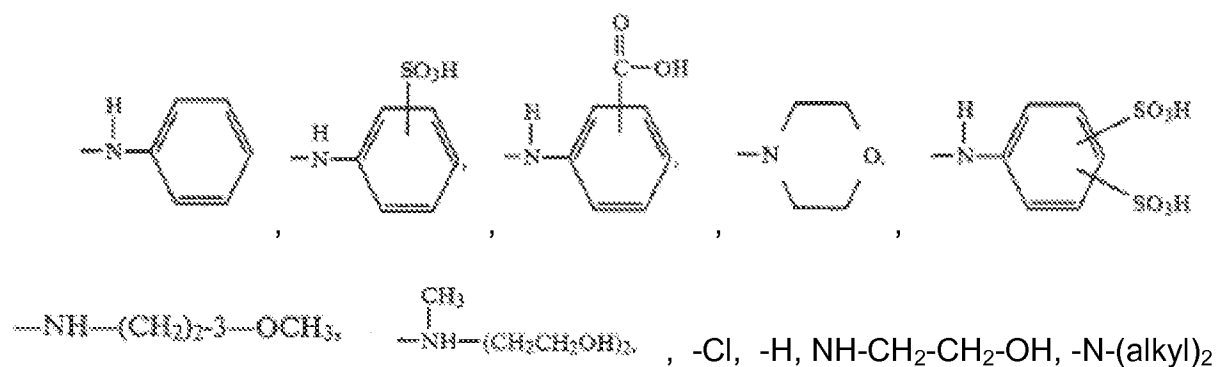
Claims 1-16, and 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Petrin et al. (US 5,057,236), in view of applicant's own disclosure.

Regarding claims 1-12, and 14-16, Petrin et al. teach the storage stable (3: 57-62) CC/DAS brighteners (fluorescent whitener) of the class (mono- or polysulfated) phenyl-, triazinyl stilbenes of structure below by the amount of 0.001-5%; [4: 45-67, 5: 1-24, 3: 60],

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Wherein M= H, Na, K, or Li; and each of R5, R6, R7, and R8 are independently selected from the substituents

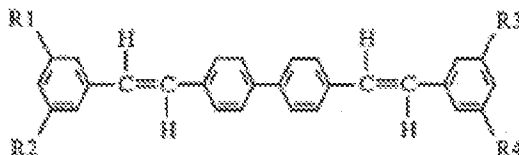


or -NH-alkyl; wherein the alkyl group contains from 1-8 carbon atoms. The structure above satisfies the structural limitation of instant claims, and selected species (where R8 is morpholino), completely. Petrin et al. teach electrolytes such as sodium hydrogen carbonate, sodium carbonate, and sodium phosphate by the amount of 0-50%; [15: 55-58], anionic poly saccharide such as xanthan gum or guar gum by the amount of 0-50%; [15: 36-37], dispersants such as anionic or nonionic surfactants (ammonium sulfosuccinate, poly acrylate, or polymaleates) by effective (desired) amount; [15: 1-3, 65-68], adjunct (or optional) ingredients such as dyes, foam booster, and pigments by the amount of 0-20%; [15: 6-11, 20: 60-64], and water to make up the rest of composition to 100%; [17: 6].

Regarding claim 1, Petrin et al. do not teach the M group in formula 1 as being mono, di, tri or tetra C1-C4 alkylammonium or mono and di or tri C2-C4 hydroxy-alkylammonium. However, applicant has disclosed that these dye compounds are already known (available in the market); [0046]. At the time of invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to select the known dye ingredient as a functional equivalent ingredient.

With respect to claims 1, 11, and 14, Petrin et al. teach at least one further fluorescent whitener, of given structure of formula (2), by the amount of 0.001-5%; [4: 45-67, 3: 60].

Regarding claim 13, Petrin et al. teach one further fluorescent whitener of formula (3) of instant claim, wherein R1, R2= SO₃M, and R2, R4= R10, R11= H; [4: 15-35].



Regarding claims 17-18, Petrin et al. teach a method, or process, of preparing a storage stable fluorescent whitener, and detergent formulation, comprising mixing the moist centrifuged slurry (cake) with the other ingredients such as water and polysaccharides; [8: 51-68, 9: 1-10, 14: 65-68, 15: 1-40].

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dr. M. Reza Asdjodi whose telephone number is (571)270-3295. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00-5:00 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Mark Eashoo can be reached on 571-272-1197. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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